

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12

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EDITORIAL

PROSPERITY VS. SECURITY

Abraham Lincoln was once heard to say: "The Lord must love the poor people: He made so many of them!"

The Lord **does** seem to love the poor people, as well as the rest of us ordinary folk, if we may judge by the many comforting promises in the Bible.

It is easy for us to allow ourselves to take some pleasure in the misfortunes of people of the world. But it is disconcerting when those who are careless and wicked, taking no thought of God or eternity, seem to be prosperous and happy, in short, to "get all the breaks."

David noticed this and admitted he had been envious when he "saw the prosperity of the wicked," who "are not in trouble as other men." God Himself said that He had caused rain to come on the just and unjust alike.

Why do we who call ourselves Christians choose a way that seldom brings much material reward, is usually beset with difficulties and hard knocks, and sometimes even limits or cuts off human companionship? Because we have observed that no amount of wealth, influence, or power can satisfy the deepest longing in man's soul—the desire to feel secure.

Books are written about it, songs are sung about it, insurance companies try to sell it, and people spend their lives trying to find it, but to what avail? We all must die, and of what use to us then are our books, songs, and insurance policies? How fortunate we are, who have the secret of security—trust in the Rock of our Salvation! As Solomon said:

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it." No wonder David spoke half-scornfully, half-pityingly, of his persecutor, Doeg, who seemed to prosper in his evil doings.

"Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches." Would we trade the peace in our hearts or the rich certainty of God's protection and loving care in this world and the next for any amount of money, or for fame, or for power? The very idea is absurd.

But David pictured another man, one who could live victoriously in that world of wars and famines, treason and persecution, even as we can today in a world all too similar to the one David knew so well. Such a man can have **real** security in any situation in which the world may place him. He is above and beyond all the things of earth. No wars, no strikes, no depressions, no death, can take away such a certainty as he has. "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."

Would that all men might experience this "victory that overcometh the world, even our faith!"

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HAVE YOU A SUGGESTION?

Your editor has received several criticisms—not necessarily destructive—concerning the type of material found on this page, but he would gladly welcome a few more. The first editorial after Beulah reminded you that this was YOUR page, and suggested that you could help make it what it ought to be. Some constructive criticism, therefore, would profit both reader and editor. What changes, if any, would you want made? What type of reading do you like to find here? Do you like the questions? The short articles? The poems? Why not then, send in a few of your suggestions?

OLD DARKEY'S ADVICE

Don't be what you ain't;
Just be what you is.
If you is not what you am,
Then you am not what you is.
If you're just a little tadpole,
Don't try to be a frog;
If you're just the tail,
Don't try to wag the dog.
You can always pass the plate,
If you can't exhort and preach,
If you're just a little pebble,
Don't try to be the beach.
Don't be what you ain't;
Jes' be what you is. —Pot Pourri

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ,
With its love so unfailing and true;
But what do they say, and what do they think,
Of the gospel "according to you"?

'Tis a wonderful story, that gospel of love,
As it shines in the Christ life divine;
And, oh, that its truth might be told again
In the story of your life and mine.

You are writing each day a letter to men;
Take care that the writing is true;
'Tis the only gospel that some men will read—
That gospel "according to you." —Selected

KING AND PEASANT LOVED THE SAME MASTER

The late King George and Queen Mary, making a visit to the estate of an English land-owner, decided to take a walk amid the lovely scenery. The queen became somewhat tired, and the host suggested a short rest at one of the cottages on the estate.

The elderly couple were able to see the party approaching, and made hasty preparation for their reception. King George began a friendly conversation. Observing a Bible on a stand he remarked: "So you've got the Good Book!" Soon the aged man was telling how he read and loved the Bible, and before long began to relate the story of his conversion. Both king and queen were interested listeners.

When they rose to leave, the queen, with a winsome smile, thanked the aged man and his wife. To the man who had been narrating his religious experience she quietly said, "We love Him, too."

Thus the royal guests and the peasant hosts were united in a common loyalty to God and devotion to His enlightening Word.—Selected.

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

1. Of what man was it said, he "loveth to have the pre-eminence?"
2. What man did Jesus call a fox?
3. Who was described as "an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile?"
4. What man was "unstable as water?"
5. What man "waxed fat and kicked?"
6. What men were accused of having "turned the world upside down?"

Answers next issue.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS LAST ISSUE

1. Lydia. Acts 16:14.
2. Dorcas. Acts 9:36.
3. Rachel. Gen. 29:17.
4. Lois. 2 Tim. 1:5.
5. Deborah. Judges 5:7.
6. 2 John.

GLEANINGS

The Bible is a window in this prison-world, through which we may look into eternity.—Timothy Dwight.

A loving trust in the Author of the Bible is the best preparation for a wise study of the Bible.—H. C. Trumbull.

Only what we have wrought into our character during life can we take away with us.—Humbolt.

The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness.—Montaigne.

Every day we may see some new thing in Christ. His love hath neither brim nor bottom.—Rutherford.

Whoever lives a noble life for Christ and God—He is one of God's workmen, working on that building of which God is the supreme Architect.—H. W. Beecher.

The following instance was frequently cited by Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon: An American with an English gentleman was viewing the Niagara whirlpool rapids, when he said to his friend: "Come, and I'll show you the greatest unused power in the world;" and taking him to the foot of Niagara Falls: "There," he said, "is the greatest unused power in the world!" "Ah, no, brother. Not so!" was the reply. "The greatest unused power in the world is the Holy Spirit of the living God."

ARE THERE MEN THERE?

As the missionaries were approaching the immense island of New Guinea, some one spoke of the unhealthiness of it, and the presence of alligators, serpents, and centipedes.

"Hold!" said one of the native workers, "Are there men there?"

"Oh, yes," was the reply; "there are men, but they are such dreadful savages that there is no use of your thinking of living among them."

"That will do," responded the native, "wherever there are men we are bound to go."

A noble reply and worthy of a disciple of Him who commands His followers to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Exchange.

A Gospel minister is a herald of the Government of Heaven not to please and amuse the people, but to proclaim to them their peril, and the only way of escape.—M. W. Knapp.